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THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

27th ~ Mon 8:30 AM - Donnie Wilbourne
28th ~ Tue 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
29th ~ Wed 8:30 AM - People of our Parish
1st ~ Fri. 8:30 AM - Howard Renz
2nd ~ Sat. 5:00 PM - People of our Parish
2nd ~ Sat 7:30 PM - Hispanic Mass
3rd ~ Sun 8:30 AM - Earl Schallmo
3rd ~ Sun 11:00 AM - Nicholas Carlson

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY 11AM ~ NOON

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 1 ~ 5PM**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY WEEKEND OF JULY 2~3, 2016

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Lectors: Carl Martikean
Altar Servers: Volunteer
E Ministers: C. Fox, J. Juarez, L. Winter
Gift Bearers: Duke & Debbie Thornton
Ushers: F. Brodner, J. Buchholz, R. Atocchi, R. Morales

SUNDAY 8:30AM

Lector: Jerome Wyrobek
Altar Servers: Mitchell Kieres & Valarie Tyrka
E. Ministers: D. Courtright, D. Opolski, C. Goetz
Gift Bearers: Don & Helen Cooper
Ushers: D. Cooper, T. Niemiec, B. Smith, J. Dolniak

SUNDAY 11:00AM

Lector: Catherine Allen
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E. Ministers: M. Paskash, D. Yankauskas
Gift Bearers: Marion & MaryBeth Misiak
Ushers: M. Misiak, T. Burke,

From the Pastor's desk

Whenever we watch the cooking segment on "Good Morning America" or "The Today Show", we are always dazzled by the ease in which a really good cook can whip-up a meal or a fancy dessert. Television chefs have a staff of assistants to pull together and measure ingredients, and the magic of the camera reduces the time it takes to make a meal. But even in real life, experienced cooks have a routine and even some shortcuts that simplify their tasks.

In this weekend's gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to dismiss the crowds so that those gathered can seek food in the surrounding countryside. His immediate response is, "You give them something to eat." They are rather taken aback by this, as most of us would be. Their focus is on what they don't have and what they can't do. Jesus, on the other hand, looks at what they "have" and makes it enough.

There will always be a debate among Scripture scholars and homilists about whether the true miracle here, was Jesus miraculously turning a little food into a great deal of food, enough for thousands; or (perhaps more difficult to believe) whether the people in the crowd were so persuaded by his word and his example that they shared with one another the food that they had brought with them to this event. The latter theory is not meant to explain away a supernatural event. Rather, it's an acknowledgment that however much we might value charity, we may find it hard to put it into practice in our daily lives. We need to be continually reminded of the source of our blessings.

The disciples, I suspect, had a tendency to want to keep a tight hold on their easy and exclusive access to Jesus. That seems to be human nature. We're not much different today. Whether it's our material possessions or our spiritual gifts, we can fall into a kind of grasping selfishness that goes against the example that Jesus gave us.

Ever since the first days after his election, Pope Francis has continued a theme that had been prominent in his work in Buenos Aires. Again and again he has reminded both the Catholic hierarchy and all of us faithful Catholics, that the reason the church exists is not for its own spiritual and material enrichment but as a way to bring Christ to the outskirts and the margins of society, to reach out to those who need to be fed, and to bring the Good News of salvation to those who most need to hear it.

From the Pastor's Desk: (continued)

Our first reading on this Sunday comes to us from the earliest days of the chosen people, when a mysterious figure known only as Melchizedek blesses Abram and offers him bread and wine. From that day forward, the same elements indicate blessing, thanksgiving, and the grace of God.

The central action of our Eucharist involves the transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, not as some spiritual spectacle, but as a gift and nourishment for his followers. This gift/nourishment is given freely and openly. Like the gift of bread on that hillside, the Eucharist is both simple and universal.

It is our calling, as the Body of Christ, to go forth from the Eucharist on Sundays to transform our neighborhoods and our world. It's easier than we might think. When we fall into the trap of thinking that our resources are limited, we need to bring what we have to Christ, and let him show us how it can be enough. We always have "others" to help us in this task, making up for our "lack" with their abundance. But as we know, Christ is the "ultimate" source of ALL our blessings.

My door is always open, and you are always welcome.

In Christ,

Fr. Dennis

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Elections to the parish council will be held in the fall. If you are interested in running for a position on the council and would like to be considered in the election, please let Fr. Dennis know. If you would like more information, please speak with Fr. Dennis or any of the current council members

CHURCH CLEANING

Please join us to clean the church every Tuesday at 9:00AM. Coffee & Donuts are served afterwards. Parish cost savings for your efforts is \$800/month. We can't do it without your help!

Did you know the Rosary is prayed in the Chapel every Sunday after 11:00 Mass?

Need Prayer Intentions?

Parishioners of St Cecilia will pray for you and your special intentions. Call Gen Mestrich 956-3020. You do not have to give your name. Call Gen if you can help with the prayer line.



OUR "POP TABS" AT WORK

Our smallest parishioner, Matthew Oliver Sabol, is currently at Advocate Christ Hospital in Chicago. His mother is staying at the Ronald McDonald house in Oak Lawn, where they provide living quarters, food, laundry facilities, and even transportation to & from the hospital. You can help with a donation from the following list of new/unused household items:

Paper goods: (paper towels, paper plates, napkins, Cube boxes of Kleenex, toilet tissue)
Cleaning products: (Liquid dish soap, soft scrub, windex, Scrubbing bubbles, Furniture polish, Lysol spray & wipes)
Liquid Laundry Soap (unscented), Dryer sheets
Pump hand soaps, Hand sanitizer (any size)
Drawstring garbage bags (kitchen, 33, 13, or 4 gallons)
Aluminum foil, Saran Wrap, Wax paper
To-go food containers, for hot and cold items
Individual Snacks: (mini boxes of cereal, chips, cookies, Fruit snacks, granola bars, pudding)
Gift Cards: (Target, Walmart, Sam's, Costco, Walgreens, Gas cards, local restaurants)

There will be a collection box in the vestibule for you to place your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

We are still collecting pop tabs, so keep them coming. Currently we are at 726,488. That is over *half way* to our goal of a *Second Million!*

**EUCCHARIST ADORATION & BENEDICTION
WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 3RD
FROM 1 ~ 5 PM, AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**

**PLEASE ~ TURN OFF CELL PHONES
BEFORE MASS BEGINS**

LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN
If you need a copy of last week's bulletin, they can be found on the shelf in the vestibule.

PRAYER GARDEN

Spring is here, and the weather is turning nicer. Be sure to visit our new prayer garden! It is located on the north side of the church, between the hall and faith formation doors. It was built by Alex Villalpando with the help of his family, as his Eagle Scout project.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP from LAST WEEK

Weekly Envelopes: \$2817.50 Loose Cash: \$239.00
Building Fund: \$2.00 Children: \$7.25
Candle Monies: \$72.55

TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK : \$ 3,138.30